

## Correspondence.

SMITHFIELD, Cache Co., U. T.,  
March 3rd, 1871.

Editor Deseret News.—Dear Bro.—As the winter is wearing away, and spring is fast approaching, with the usual amount of work, bustle and hurry, which is seen in all farming communities, I thought ere that season be upon us, I would inform you how the citizens of our city, had spent the long evenings of winter. We have had our amusements, consisting of dancing, dramatic performances &c. We have also considered our welfare as a stockraising and farming community, and have organized a society for the improvement and cultivation of stock &c., Bishop S. Roskelly being chosen president, and your correspondent secretary of the society. Committees on horses, cows, sheep, fish, swine and poultry, rabbits and bees, have been formed; also silk culture and agriculture in general. These committees seem interested in their business, and the hope is that ere long we will be able to have a better class of these useful animals in our yards and on our ranges. We have also appointed a committee, and opened books for the purpose of getting up a co-operative stock-herd, and have also given a fresh start to our Farmers' or Gardeners' club. For the past four years we have suffered severely from the ravages of the grasshoppers, so that our seeds (both of the field and garden) have considerably deteriorated; but with the combined efforts of the committee on agriculture, and the gardeners' club, we hope, with the blessing of the Lord, to improve our seeds &c. Our prospects for the coming season are brighter than they have been for some time past, as the hoppers did not leave much of a deposit in our gardens and fields last season.

We have also organized a society for the improvement of the mind, viz: a Literary Institute, the members of which give lectures, readings, recitations &c., on various subjects. At our last meeting the question, "Is co-operation a benefit to the human family aside from religion?" was spoken of. The Pre-emption and Homestead laws were also read and discussed.

On the 28th of February and 1st of March I had the pleasure of being present at an examination of the school, taught by Bros. C. Wright and W. A. Nobles. The school has an average attendance of 100 scholars, who are taught reading, spelling, writing, arithmetic and geography. The classes were examined in all branches, and gave credit to the teachers for the care and labor bestowed by them in the cultivation of the mind of the young. The books used in school are the National Series of readers; there is a few of Willson's still in use, but they are rapidly giving way to the National. We have three other schools of about 25 scholars each, taught by female teachers; they are also doing their part in the education of the young.

Our Sunday school, of about two hundred scholars, is in an excellent condition. Last fall, we introduced a system of procuring books for the school, which I cannot too highly recommend. By the liberality of the people we have been able to make a purchase of Bibles, Testaments, Books of Mormon, Doctrine and Covenants, first and second readers of the National Series, so as to place in the hands of at least three-fourths of the children who attend school, a book to read from. After reading, the books are collected and put in a book case until the following Sunday. We hope in a short time to be able to put a book into the hands of each child that comes to school.

Yours, &c., FRANCIS SHARP.

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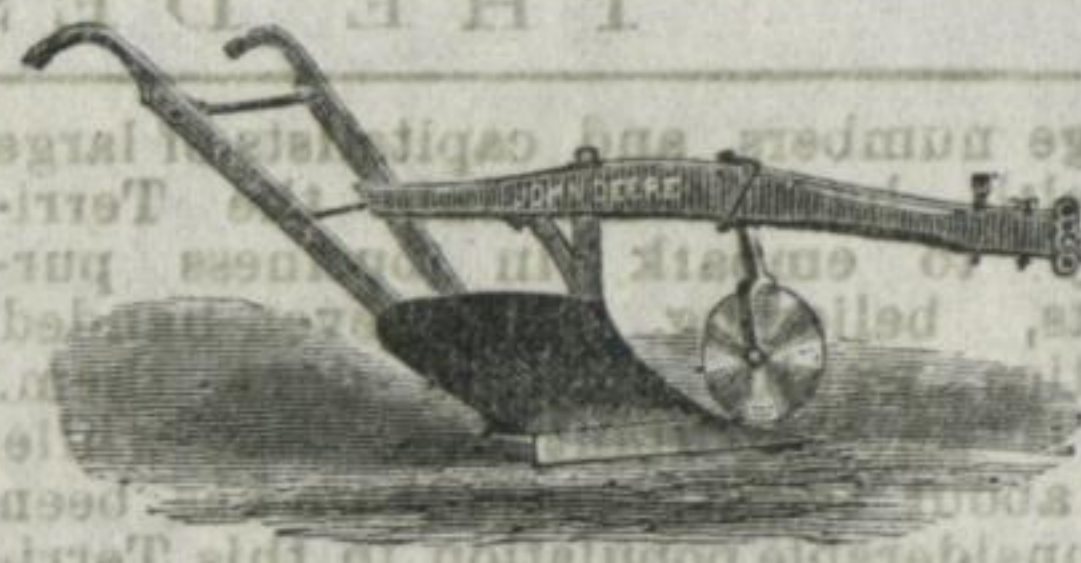
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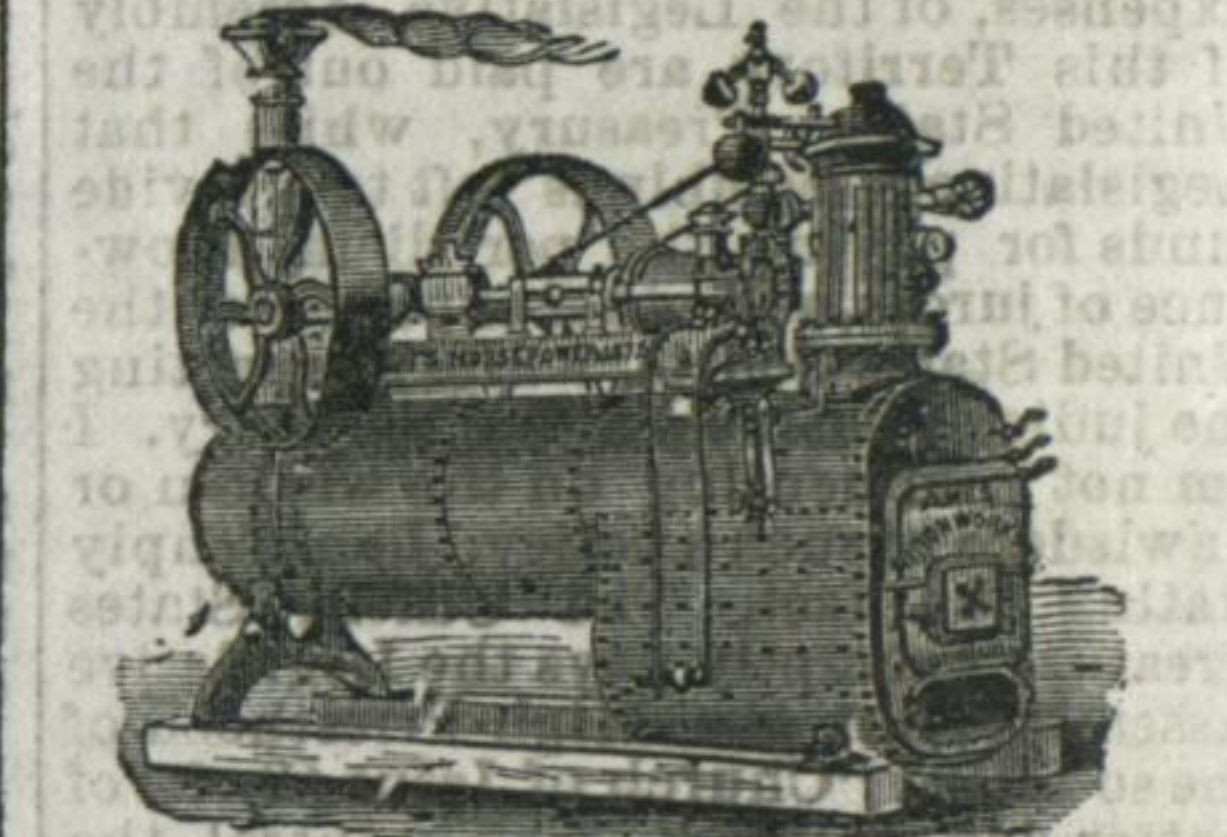
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